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Applicant : Scholtens et al.

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Serial No. : 09/632,393

Examiner : Saba Tsegaye

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Title : CIRCUIT INTEGRITY IN A PACKET-SWITCHED NETWORK

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 21, 2005

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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§112, Second Paragraph Rejections

Claims 1-9 and 13-15 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, the Office Action stated that, in claims 1 and 4, it was not clear whether "a packet network" recited in line 4 referred to the same packet network recited in line 3. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 4 to clarify that issue and respectfully request withdrawal of those claim rejections.

The Office Action also stated that, in claim 13, it was not clear whether "a packet network" recited in line 3 referred to the same packet network recited in line 2. Applicants have amended claim 13 to clarify that issue and respectfully request withdrawal of that claim rejection.

Conclusion

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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